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**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR SECURING AN OBJECT TO A VEHICLE**

*(Title of the Invention)*

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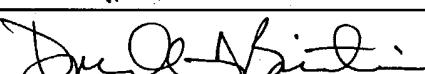
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